

STATE NEWS

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned From Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

It is estimated that 300 negroes have emigrated from Charlotte bound for the North during the past three months.

The official figures secured by Mr. Hugh G. Chatham regarding North Carolina's industries, show that there are already in operation 6,000 manufacturing plants, the value of whose annual output is no less than \$90,000,000.

C. H. Rexford & Son, of Pennsylvania, have purchased \$12,000 acres of timber land in Swain County, Western North Carolina, for which they paid \$75,000. It adjoins a tract of 18,000 acres recently bought by the same parties.

Chas. C. McDonald, of Raleigh, convicted of embezzling \$7,200 of funds of the Grand Lodge Knights of Honor, was Saturday afternoon sentenced to three years labor on the public roads. He appealed. He was financial reporter of the order.

Lumberton Argus: Mr. J. D. Kyle, manager of the Ashpole warehouse, says that prospects for the tobacco crop in that section are better than he ever knew them. He further tells us that 100,000 pounds has already been sold on that market.

The Chronicle says that Capt Chas. Price got \$25,000, his son, A. H. Price, \$5,000, Judge Dillard, of Greensboro, \$16,000, all for appearing in the Wilkes bond cases; and that the receivers, masters in chancery, etc., are yet to have a pass at the remains.

Lexington Dispatch: It is reported that some five or six Lexington gentlemen are losers to the extent of several thousand dollars by playing the wrong side of Wall Street market in cotton futures last week. One man alone is said to have lost \$3,300, while the other losses range from \$400 to \$1,200.

Charlotte News: At a meeting of the trustees of Guilford College, it was decided to expend at once the sum of \$6,000 in improvements on the college buildings, consisting of a complete electric light plant and additional water-works. President Hobbs was released from active work for a year and Prof. Thomas Newlin will be chairman of the faculty during Professor Hobbs' absence. The latter will travel this country and Europe to enlarge the endowment of the college.

Lumberton Argus: The work of City Attorney Folk, of St. Louis, in bringing those well-trenched boodlers to justice is both remarkable and worthy of the highest praise. No young man in the country has become better known this year than Young Folk, and in this connection it should be borne in mind that he is of Tar Heel descent. His father is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College,

though long a resident of Tennessee, where he nobly bore the title of judge. Four of Attorney Folk's brothers were educated at Wake Forest, one of whom is Dr. Folk, editor of the Baptist and Reflector of Tennessee.

Arrangements are now in progress to have, in Hyde County, on the banks of Lake Matamuskeet, one of the largest rice farms in this country. The land is said to be very fertile and lower than the lake, the water in which is held up as in a sort of bowl, and so the lake water will be used for flooding the rice fields. It is purposed to put three thousand acres in rice, twice that acreage being available. This North Carolina rice is very fine; in fact, that grown near Wilmington is said to be the best in the world.—Exchange.

Lillington dispatch, 23rd: Thousands attended the celebration today of the completion to this point of the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway. The affair was marked by the largest gathering ever known in Harnett County, and four other counties were represented. The completion of this road marks an epoch in the history of Lillington. Since the formation of Harnett in 1855 its county seat has been without railroad communication with the outside world, but this was ended yesterday when the whistle of the passenger train of the Raleigh and Cape Fear broke the stillness of the forest and gave the people of Lillington the glad tidings.

There are now Anti-Saloon Leagues at Elizabeth City, Washington, Weldon, Goldsboro, Kinston, Benson, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham, Salisbury, Monroe, Creswell, Shelby, Tarboro, Henderson, Asheville, Marion, Hillsboro, Wadesboro, Clayton, Beaufort, Clinton, Dunn, Nashville and a number of other places. There are movements on foot at Lexington, in Yadkin County, Union County, Currituck County, Buncombe County, LaGrange, Elm City, Charlotte, Wilkesboro, Greensboro, Southport, Wilson, Oxford, Gastonia, Windsor, Carey, Rockingham, Reidsville, Warrenton, Smithfield, Greenville, and many other places.

Colonel Olds: Application for aid for building of public schools from the Board of Education loan fund continues to come in, and Mr. E. C. Brooks, who has this matter in charge, says he is sure the entire \$100,000 available this year will be all be asked for. He is making a table which will show all the details of the many application. It is very clear from these applications that there is an awakening as to the building of better school-houses; better equipment, etc. —From all parts of the State complaints come in as to the shortness of labor, and it is now a question which is just about the greatest of all the farmers have to consider. The problem is what to do. It will be very difficult to get outside white labor. Most farmers prefer negro labor if they can get it, but the

exodus of negroes from the country to the towns is nearly depopulating many negro settlements in the country.

Observer: This is exceedingly interesting. Heretofore Col. Bryan had only named Judge Clark as among the eligibles; if this dispatch is to be trusted he now announces him as his favorite; and while Col. Bryan's counsels will not be potential in the next National Democratic Convention, while it is not likely that Judge Clark will be the convention's nominee, the North Carolina delegation will of course vote for him, as it voted for him for the nomination for Vice-President in the convention of 1900, and this boom by Col. Bryan, who is yet an influence in Democratic politics, and this convention support by his own State, will greatly promote Judge Clark's importance as a candidate for the Senate in 1907.

"As a result of good prices for white potatoes the farmers of my section are more prosperous than they have been since the Civil War," said Mr. Walter L. Cohoon, of Elizabeth City, who was here on business yesterday. He continued: "I know one farmer who cultivated a two-horse farm and who cleared twelve hundred dollars on potatoes this spring. Those whose crop netted five hundred dollars are not a few. All crops are looking well and our farmers are prosperous and contented. The problem of labor is a perplexing one in some places, but the majority of farmers have reconciled themselves to the situation by reducing the acreage and doing their own work. This, with the adoption of improved agricultural machinery, I believe to be the secret of successful farming in the future."—News and Observer.

Farmers' Institutes.

Farmers Institutes have been arranged by the Department of Agriculture for the following times and places:

Rockingham, Richmond, August 3rd; Wadesboro, Anson, August 4th; Monroe, Union, August 5th; Steele Creek, Mecklenburg, August 6th; Stanly Creek, Gaston, August 7th; Lincolnton, Lincoln, August 8th; Newton, Catawba, August 10th; Statesville, Iredell, August 11th; Mocksville, Davie, August 12th; Intelligence (Sharp's Institute), Rockingham, August 14th; Reidsville, Rockingham, August 15th; Yanceyville, Caswell, August 17th; Roxboro, Person, August 19th; Oxford, Granville, August 25th; Littleton, Halifax, August 26th; Ridgeway, Warren, August 27th; Henderson, Vance, August 28th; Franklinton, Franklin, August 29th.

These meetings will be attended by Prof. W. F. Massey, Dr. Tait Butler, State Veterinarian, Mr. C. B. Williams, and a portion of them by B. W. Kilgore, State Chemist. In addition to the subjects to be discussed by these parties, local speakers have been added to the programme to present subjects which their experience in farming especial-

ly fits them to handle. Attractive and interesting programs have been arranged for each place to meet as nearly as possible the character of farming in which the people are interested. These programs will be sent out several days in advance of the meetings at the several places. Interest in Farmers' Institutes in the State has grown from year to year, and it is felt that the attendance this season will be larger than ever before.

The Tar-Heel Colony in New York.

The News and Observer in its last Sunday's issue, with its usual enterprise, gave a very full and interesting write-up of the North Carolinians living in New York City. The New York Colony numbers at least five hundred. Prominent among these are the following: Walter H. Page, J. B. Duke, B. N. Duke, W. W. Fuller, Esq., Junius Parker, Esq., Ralph H. Holland, W. B. Dowd, Esq., Judge Daly, A. G. Ricaud, Esq., Dr. J. H. Parker, R. A. Springs, Charles B. Bryan, J. M. Ayer and H. W. Ayer, R. H. Roundtree, W. S. Haliburton, J. S. Primrose, Dr. Russell Bellamy, J. H. Claiborne, W. H. Hall, W. B. Pritchard, James Phillips, Mrs. J. M. Turner, L. C. Van Noppen, Silas McBee, Dr. L. L. Mial, L. W. Elias, Holland Thompson, and many others. We feel sure that North Carolina has reason to feel proud of her representatives in the metropolis. In the roll we see many names of those we knew in other days. The roll only proves that the old statement is true, "North Carolina is a good State to move from." It is equally as good to remain in.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Last Week's North Carolina Crop Bulletin.

Corn has improved so much, and looks so green and thrifty, that almost a full crop is now indicated; it is earing well; laying by is nearing completion, except in some western counties. Cotton is doing well, though of course still averaging two to three weeks late; some correspondents state that it is growing too fast to form fruit well, but generally blooms are becoming abundant, except in the extreme north portion. The cultivation of early and advanced cotton is over, and the crop is being laid by in many counties. The tobacco crop will be good, though probably not as heavy nor of as good quality as last year's crop; cutting and curing tobacco are well under way as far north as Warren, and topping is proceeding as far west as Stokes. New tobacco is in market in the southeast section. Peanuts, rice, sorghum, late potatoes and other minor crops are doing well. As North Carolina produces a larger crop of sweet potatoes than any other State, it is pleasant to note that the condition of the crop at present is extremely promising. The yield of fruit will be inferior; peaches are rotting, and there are more than the usual number of reports of falling apples; grapes will yield well; drying and canning fruit are in progress.